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COMPONENT FOR THE DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEM

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand presently rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee et al (US Patent No. 6,473,664). Further, claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee et al. in view of Monson et al (US Patent No. 5,751,576).

The single figure of the present application shows a distributed control system having system components 1, 2, and 3, and a configuration unit 4, which are interconnected by a bus 5.¹

¹ See application text, page 7, ln. 12-14